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FACT SHEET AND VIDEO PROVIDE DETAILS ON GLENDALE'S TEMPORARY SALES TAX INCREASE

Glendale, Ariz. — Information regarding the city of Glendale's temporary sales tax increase is available in a fact sheet and an online video via the city website at www.glendaleaz.com and the city's TV station, Glendale 11.

In June, the Glendale City Council approved temporarily increasing the general sales tax rate from 2.2% to 2.9% beginning August 1, 2012 and automatically ending August 1, 2017. Due to the effects of the prolonged recession, Glendale is one of the last cities in Maricopa County to increase its sales tax. The last time the city increased the general sales tax rate was 1993. Glendale voters approved dedicated tax increases for police, fire and transportation in 1994, 2001 and 2007.

The fact sheet and video, which includes an interview with Glendale's Financial Services Executive Director, Sherry Schurhammer, provide background in numerous areas including:

- Steps the city took to reduce expenses before temporarily increasing the city's general sales tax rate, such as three years of employee furloughs and decreasing the city workforce by 25%
- Facts about how sales tax contributes to the General Fund and what services that fund supports, including priority services such as police, fire and the city court
- Specifics on decreases the past four years to Glendale's collection of state shared revenue and sales tax revenue

The fact sheet and video are posted on the home page of the city website at www.glendaleaz.com and the video can also be seen on the city's YouTube Channel at www.youtube.com/myglendale11. For more information on the city's budget and finances, visit www.glendaleaz.com, or to track how Glendale's tax dollars are spent, check out www.glendaleaz.com/FollowYourMoney.